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SUBJ: PRESIDENTS LOPEZ AND PEREZ MEET TO DISCUSS ANDEAN
PACT

1. VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ AND COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT
LOPEZ MET ON THE COLOMBIAN-VENEZUELAN BORDER ON
DECEMBER 21 TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF CURRENT ANDEAN PACT
NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO PRESS RELEASES, THE TWO PRESIDENTS
AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. SECTORAL AGREEMENTS: THE PERIOD FOR CONCLUDING
SECTORAL AGREEMENTS WILL BE EXTENDED BEYOND DECEMBER 31,
1975. WHILE THE PERIOD OF THE EXTENSION IS NOT
SPECIFIED, IT APPARENTLY WILL BE LESS THAN THE TWO YEARS
PREVIOUSLY SOUGHT BY VENEZUELAN AND OTHERS.

B. PACT OFFICES. VENEZUELA WILL SUPPORT COLOMBIA'S
CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THSDANDEAN DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION. COLOMBIA WILL WITHDRAW ITS CANDIDACY
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FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE JUNTA.

C. COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF. THE VIEWS OF ALL COUNTRIES WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN ESTABLISHING A COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF. COLOMBIA IS SEEKING HIGHER TARIFFS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS THAN THOSE DESIRED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS, BUT WANTS RELATIVELY LOW TARIFFS ON AGRICULTURAL INPUTS SUCH AS FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDES AND FARM MACHINERY.

D. LIBERALIZATION. COLOMBIA WILL ACCEPT A SLIGHT EXTENSION IN FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE LIBERALIZATION PROPOSALS.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE TRAVELING TO THE OTHER ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES TO EXPLAIN THE RESULTS OF THE BILATERAL MEETING AND TO SEEK TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS ON THE POINTS COVERED PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 26.
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